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WASHINGTON, November 22, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 18 totaled 351,943, down 1.5 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 1.0 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 2.5 percent in the West but down 4.7 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, grain loadings were up 3,963 cars (13.8 percent) and coal loadings were up 2,525 cars (1.9 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 3,589 cars (16.3 percent), and loadings of metallic ores were off 2,103 cars (10.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 46 weeks of 1989 totaled 15,427,880, down 1.3 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 124,025 trailers and/or containers for the week ended November 18, up 4.5 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of 1989 was 5,291,910 trailers and/or containers, 3.1 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 18 totaled 20.2 billion, 0.5 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 886.0 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,766	28,803	13.8 %	31,958	2.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,056	3,021	-31.9	2,301	-10.6
Metallic Ores	18,920	21,023	-10.0	17,902	5.7
Coal	136,058	133,533	1.9	135,960	.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,903	16,695	-4.7	16,880	-5.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,489	9,981	5.1	8,993	16.6
Grain Mill Products	10,137	10,351	-2.1	9,773	3.7
Food & Kindred Products	9,282	8,920	4.1	9,302	-.2
Primary Forest Products	9,460	10,188	-7.1	8,921	6.0
Lumber & Wood Products	6,243	6,951	-10.2	6,033	3.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,567	10,318	-7.3	9,715	-1.5
Chemicals	27,309	27,907	-2.1	26,833	1.8
Petroleum Products	4,890	5,064	-3.4	4,722	3.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,286	10,273	.1	10,353	-.6
Coke	5,410	5,474	-1.2	5,873	-7.9
Metals & Products	8,883	9,564	-7.1	8,944	-.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,497	22,086	-16.3	19,100	-3.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,608	9,506	-9.4	8,598	.1
All Other Carloads	7,179	7,801	-8.0	6,303	13.9
Total	**351,943**	**357,459**	**-1.5 %**	**348,464**	**1.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 46 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**351,943**	**357,459**	**-1.5 %**	**15,427,880**	**15,623,235**	**-1.3 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	71,277	71,193	.1	3,071,473	3,096,534	-.8
Containers	52,748	47,548	10.9	2,220,437	2,037,315	9.0
Total	**124,025**	**118,741**	**4.5**	**5,291,910**	**5,133,849**	**3.1**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.2**	**20.3**	**-.5 %**	**886.0**	**888.0**	**-.2 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 46, 1989 - GNWR.

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